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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits a list of the following relevant art as required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-29346 published in Japan on February 6, 2001;
- B. U.S. Patent No. 5,704,105 issued to Venkataramani et al. on January 6, 1998;
- C. European Patent Publication No. EP 1 132 978 published by the EPO on September 12, 2001; and
- D. U.S. Patent No. 5,548,564 issued to Smith on August 20, 1996.

The above-listed prior art, A-D, are cited in the Office Action of February 16, 2006 by the European Patent Office for European patent application No. 03 016 080.8 which is related to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the European Office Action is enclosed. Of the four listed prior art, three of the prior art, namely A, C and D have already been cited by Applicant on July 15, 2003 and March 3, 2006.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)(1), the required statement is presented as follows:

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disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them.

Respectfully submitted,
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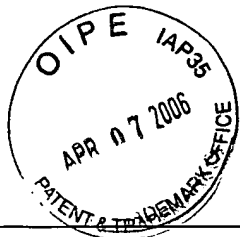
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